



# La Vie Collegienne

## THIS WEEK IN LA VIE

### SPORTS



#7 Field hockey defeats rival Albright to claim 500th career victory

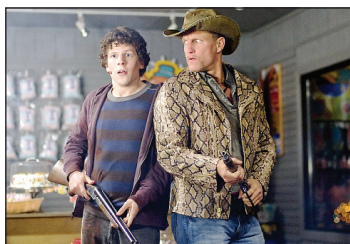
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## The Great Debate

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### PART I: THE ISSUE

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When Barack Obama took the oath of office he assumed with it the responsibilities of President of the United States during one of the most trying times in recent history. Taking up the holdover Bush Administration conflicts of the deepening economic recession and the Iraq War, he shouldered burdens that have already by themselves marked his young presidency with a great deal of controversy.

However, Obama has created a political storm around his own policies as well, notably in the debate which continues to rage over the issue of universal health care and its role in American politics.

"It's probably going to be the most significant overhaul of the system since Medicare and Medicaid," Says Dr. Chris Dolan, Assistant Professor of Political Science "It's going to be an issue that's going to be a defining policy for generations of people."

With 170 million Americans with health insurance and, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, some 46.3 million without, the issue has polarized Americans on both sides of the

debate. Multiple bills have already begun the slow and steady march through Congress in an attempt to find a compromise which will give Americans more affordable health care options and at the same time not break the bank during an economic recession.

One of the biggest questions Americans have been asking with regard to this issue is what, exactly is going to happen to the health care system under these new reforms. Several of the main issues that the bill will address are as follows:

#### Holding Employers Accountable for Dropping/Changing Health Care Plans

Right now an employer can either change or outright drop an employee's health insurance. Under the new program, employers would be held accountable for such changes, although exactly what constitutes "being held accountable" remains unclear. With over many Americans receiving insurance through an employer-based plan, a large chunk of the insured population is directly affected by the decisions their employers make in health care plans.

#### Removing Lifetime Caps

Many health insurance companies currently have a lifetime cap system in which if a client reaches a certain amount (according to Dolan, around \$1 to \$2 million) in health care expenses, any expenses afterward will be his/her responsibility. As health care costs continue to rise, more and more people hit this figure earlier, and so the bill makes provisions to remove these caps.

#### Pre-Existing Condition

Reforms will also provide provisions forbidding health insurance companies from denying a person care on the basis of a pre-existing condition.

In addition, the creation of a public plan is provided for in four of the five bills circulating through Congress. In general, subsidies will be provided (indexed on the basis of income, so the lower an individual's income, the more he/she will be eligible to receive in subsidies) for individuals to purchase insurance in what will be called health insurance exchanges. Ultimately, this will in theory lead to competition between the public and private sectors of the health care industry.

"What we're talking about in the

U.S. is creating a public/private model. In Britain, for example, they have what is known as the National Health Services, and that's basically a socialized system where everyone in the medically-related industry works for the government. In Canada, there's a single-payer system where it's privatized, but the government is the single payer of those health services," Dolan says. "The idea [in the proposed U.S. system] is that competition will lead to lowering of costs. Right now many states have monopolies where private insurers like Aetna, Humana, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield are the only provider in that particular state, or they dominate the market so they can charge whatever rates they want."

Another plan by Sen. Kent Conrad (D-North Dakota) would have a system similar in purpose to the public plan, but competition would instead be generated by consumer-owned health care cooperatives.

As for why this legislation has come about, according to Dolan, health care costs have risen and

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Student Government  
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President Stephen MacDonald discussed the upcoming renovations to the Mund College Center at Monday's meeting of the Lebanon Valley College Student Government (SG). According to MacDonald, the college center was built in 1958. Renovations were made to the building in 1973.

SG convened in the Faust Lounge of the Mund College Center at 9:40 p.m.

President MacDonald mentioned that on the weekend of November 6-7, the Board of Trustees will be presented with tentative plans for the renovations on the building. It is estimated that the project will cost \$12.5 million, with the money being drawn from the school's own resources as well as some loans.

The school will be using the same architect as it did for the new Stanson Hall. The renovations will include increasing the size of the upper level of the college center by 50 percent as well as building a full-sized college store and a convenience store in the upper level of the building. A new kitchen will be built on the west side of the building.

The planning of the renovations will last nine months, with construction beginning in early 2011. It is expected that the building will be ready for the 2012-2013 school year.

The president also addressed the

security concerns on campus. Vice President of Student Affairs Greg Krikorian and Vice President for Administration and Information Technology Robert Riley will have a security plan ready in two weeks. They will then present it to SG. They are looking into additional cameras and increased patrols in the parking lots, among other things.

Alicia Brower '11 and Amy Rice-dorf attended the meeting on behalf of the new Dance Club. The club will be open to anyone on campus, regardless of previous dance experience. It will utilize the dance studio in Chaplain Paul Fullmer's house and will teach all different styles of dance. Ashley Peters motioned to grant the Dance Club probationary club status, and the motion passed.

Commuter representatives Alys-sa Kreider '10 and Tony Gorick '11 mentioned that the air conditioning unit in the commuter lounge is not working. Homecoming Chair Emily Hopkins '11 mentioned that a general Homecoming shirt will be sold during the Homecoming week-end in addition to the traditional Powder Puff Football T-shirt.

SG adjourned its meeting at 10:41 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:40 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, in the Faust Lounge of the Mund College Center.

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Public Safety comments on Red Lot

Increased security on campus; still no leads in break ins

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Here at LVC, safety of students and faculty is a top priority, and who better to be in charge of it all than Mr. Allen Yingst, Director of Public Safety. From taking care of campus issues such as minor thefts and alcohol violations, to bigger issues such as the Red Lot break-ins and bringing in extra officers around the clock for weekend festivities, his security actions have been working for the col-

lege for years.

"It's a supermarket of cars," he says, and he couldn't be more right.

Patrol has been stepped up mainly in the Red Lot with as many officers on patrol as possible, including an officer at the gate. The rash of robberies in Red Lot has yet to be solved, though local law enforcement agencies have been brought in to deal with the issue as well. Yingst ask that students check their cars as frequently as possible and report anything that seems suspicious.

Other than the parking lot issues, he says that not much has changed as far as security is concerned for this year, adding that what he has been doing as far as dispatching officers and patrols has been working for as long as he can remember. He noted that there have always been minor issues such as theft of iPods, laptops, or signs from around town. However, there is not much to be done in terms of prevention.

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LVC to host Tibetan Monks for  
a week of cultural learning

November 1-6, 2009

Lebanon Valley College will host the Monks of Drepung Gomang Monastery as they create a sand mandala painting in the Lynch Hall Atrium from November 1 through 6. The event is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To construct the mandala, monks carefully place dyed sand particles on a board.

The opening ceremony for the mandala construction will take place at 5 p.m. on November 1. The monks will chant powerful prayers for peace, prosperity, and healing in traditional overtones—the chant master intoning a full chord of three notes. This chanting will be accompanied by delicate hand gestures, cymbals, drums, horns, and flutes.

Immediately following the opening ceremony, a banquet will be held in the West Dining Hall of the Mund College Center featuring Tibetan food, and explanation of the opening ceremonies by a Tibetan geshe, and a brief video regarding the history of Buddhism in Tibet.

The closing ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on November 6 in the Atrium of Lynch Memorial Hall. At that time the mandala will be deconstructed and the sands will be dispersed in Quitapahilla Creek, symbolizing the

impermanence of all phenomena.

In addition to the creation of a sand mandala, the monks perform a Tibetan Puja (worship service) in Miller Chapel at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 2; they will teach the traditional Tibetan art of Mani Stone Painting in Lynch 008 at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3; and they will share a cultural presentation in Leedy Theatre at 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 that will include a tradition yak dance and debate.

Sunday's banquet immediately following the opening ceremonies will be served from buffet tables set with Himalayan cuisine including momos (Tibetan dumplings). Tibetan desserts will be served at each table. As guests enjoy their food, the geshe of the Gomang monastery will explain the elements of the opening ceremony and present a 15-minute video presentation about the history of Buddhism in Tibet. The College regularly offers banquets focusing on diverse religious experience twice a year, once each academic semester. Recent banquets featured the food, music and traditions of Sukkoth, Baisakhi, Mawlid al Nabi, Rama Navami, and the Coptic Feast of the Cross.

"We appreciate the religious expression of another culture in a special way when we learn about it in the context of its music, perfor-

mance and good food," said Rev. Paul Fullmer, Chaplain at the College and co sponsor of the event.

Tickets for the banquet are available to LVC students as a meal exchange. Other tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$5 for non-LVC students, and \$30 for a family with children. Space is limited. For reservations, call the Office of Spiritual Life at 717-867-6135 by Thursday, October 22. All other events are free and open to the public.

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For more information about the program, contact Matt Sayers at (717) 867-6133 or LVC's Office of Spiritual Life at (717) 867-6135.

Corrections  
& Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.



CAMPUS  
CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

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9-29-09 | LVC Campus

Theft

A student reported her cell phone stolen

10-4-09 | Social quad

Disturbance

Public Safety was called to assist at a male student altercation.

10-5-09 | Neidig-Garber Science Center

Vandalism

A handicap sign from the area of Neidig-Garber was removed.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.



# NEWS

## THE ISSUE:

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continue to rise steadily over the years, along with a growing demographic of uninsured Americans.

"Health care costs have outpaced [the growth of] salaries and wages, so more and more of people's pay and income is being gobbled up by health insurance premiums, co-pays, medical procedures, and these types of things," Dolan says.

Many factors have contributed to rising health care costs. However, an equally important part of the issue is the very way of life that Americans lead. While heart disease, cholesterol, diabetes, and other medical conditions are issues in other countries with comprehensive health care plans, they are not present in the levels they are in the United States. Moreover, many of these problems are lifestyle-oriented and preventable, something that thus far America has been unable, or unwilling, to change.

"What contributes to the problem is that Americans are just not as healthy as they were in the past. The reason why the Japanese, the British, the French, the Germans, and Australians are able to have such success with their comprehensive insurance plans is that they don't have the levels of chronic problems and preventable issues that we as Americans have," Dolan says.

Criticism has also arisen surrounding the ramifications of reform legislation on how our health care system operates. Opponents of the plan argue that Americans may have to wait longer to see specialists, delays that could cost lives. Many are also already satisfied with the current system and reluctant to see it changed (although President Obama has stated that Americans will be able to keep their current plans if they are satisfied). Logistics aside, the plan also carries a hefty price tag and will fine Americans who do not purchase health insurance plans.

Kristin Hills '11, President of LVC College Conservatives, is opposed to President Obama's universal health care plan and maintains that the bill will only continue to hinder America's debt crisis.

"At this current time, the proposals that President Obama wants to put in place will not solve the problem of the national debt. It will only

increase the national debt," writes Hills. "I believe that legislation can solve some of these problems, but we should not be relying on them to fix everything. I honestly worry about politicians making too many decisions on health care. They are not nearly as knowledgeable in this area compared to doctors and those in health related careers."

Hills also sees the bill as having potentially harmful ramifications on the ability of Americans to receive adequate health care in general.

"Canada and some European countries are using this system and it is not working for them. Massachusetts also has a part of this system and it is not working as well as they thought it would.

There are hidden agendas in this reform bill that will hurt senior citizens (and for that matter, all Americans) in ways, such as not being able to get the proper health care that they need in the right timing," she writes.

Oliver Lyons '12, President of LVC College Democrats, supports the President's ideas on health care reform, and says that as young adults are among one of the largest demographics of the uninsured, the public option part of the plan is especially appealing.

"If it's designed well, it won't bankrupt the country; part of that is having the public option," says Lyons.

Whether or not the nation is even obliged to guarantee health insurance coverage for every citizen is also an ethical question that has driven both sides of the debate, but nonetheless, the uninsured are a large demographic and under the current system, it is only projected to continue growing.

"The reason why our primary care physicians are organized so efficiently is because we don't have everyone covered," Dolan says. "The reason why our system works so well is because there are 45 million Americans who don't have insurance, and if those people had insurance they would be drawing services from doctors. So our system is based around discrimination against the sick and the uninsured."

With the sweeping changes of these reforms on the American health care system and a myriad of possible side-effects that range from longer waiting times to see medical specialists to rises in identity theft, Americans have made their opinions known on the subject, both in support and opposition.

"I believe that the reason behind this dramatic reaction to health care is the fact that the American people are getting worried about where all of this money is going to come from," writes Hills. Hills also mentions that in its current state, the bill definitely has the potential to break the President's campaign promise of not raising taxes on the middle class.

Lyons also believes that part of the opposition may be coming from skepticism toward politicians in general.

"People do not always hear clear things from Washington, so they may not know what to expect, even with the outlining of the plan," he says.

However, another issue has entered into the debate; race. The words of Representative Joe Wilson, (R- South Carolina) and former President Jimmy Carter's subsequent criticism in particular have sparked a debate on whether or not Obama's race has had any role in

## PART II: THE DEBATE

both rallying support for and in attacking the measure.

"It's a complex issue. When you're talking about reforming health care, you're talking about reforming something that's very personal to people. It affects your family, children, and your loved ones. Sometimes we feel threatened when we hear change," Dolan said. "I think the issue has become more personalized than racial, but I can understand the criticism. There's no certainty to this at all, but I think it could be interpreted as a way of attacking a black president without referring to him with a racial epithet."

James Felton, Director of Multicultural Affairs at LVC, sees the issue as not necessarily motivated by race, but instead by the issue of change in a time of national uncertainty.

"Although the health care issue in and of itself is not an issue of race, it is certainly conflated by race. The real issue I believe is that there is a certain population of Americans who feel that they are losing control of their 'traditional' American values and ways of life. Health care reform is just one of the many social issues that have challenged us to reconsider how we as Americans work, live, and exist in a rapidly changing world," writes Felton. "I think that President Obama represents a change in status, privilege, and power that historically has not been shared by many groups

in society. The world is changing in unpredictable and uncontrollable ways. The fact that you have a president of color who is advocating for policies that do not solely benefit individuals who have historically been in control has caused a great deal of angst and tension for a number of majority folks. The results of these cultural rifts, if you will, is the racial animosity being played out in the media and in Congress on a daily basis. It is a ploy to portray the President (and people of color) as racially inferior, in response to the social superiority that is present in our increasingly diverse nation and world."

Some also believe that the media has played a role in both escalating the issue of race, and in simply drawing attention to the issue itself, independent of racial implications. Uproar at town hall meetings and outcry from groups on both sides of the political debate have drawn the media like flies, leading to some skepticism over whether these protests are really as spontaneous as they may at first seem.

So for now, the issue of race in Obama policy remains something of a gray area, though the fact that it has come up at all and generated discussion in Congress and in American society in general is indicative of at least some sort of impact. Whether it is an underlying or directly motivating factor, however, remains unclear.

## PART III: THE BIG PICTURE

of nationwide accountability.

"We want our taxes low, but we want our government services. We're going to have to start paying taxes again and stop borrowing foreign currency," Dolan says. "This began in the seventies and eighties where you had tax cut after tax cut after tax cut and then significant governmental spending increases. You can't keep producing those kinds of trade deficits. Americans are going to have to start paying for what they spend, and that's going to be the next significant change."

According to Dolan, 3-5% of the federal budget goes into "investment programs" such as transportation, Research and Development, Education, and Agriculture. In contrast, entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid represent almost two-thirds of federal spending, with interest paid on the national debt coming in not far behind.

"We need to get a significant

amount of budgetary control over our entitlement spending, and I think this is one of the first serious attempts at doing that," says Dolan.

The consensus among the right and the left is undoubtedly that the system needs some degree of change, but ultimately, the issue of whether this is the right time for such measures and how, exactly to go about it remains the central focus.

"The government has been stepping into places that they have never gone before and people are questioning how this is all going to work out," writes Hills. "Reform is not a bad thing! I am not saying that the system doesn't need to be reformed, but I believe that we need to worry about the economic state that we are in before we pile up too much. Overall, I believe that the system needs to be reformed, but it will take many years to do that effectively with both parties coming together to make decisions."





# Features

## What food suits you?

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A total of 576 students recently participated in a survey sent out concerning the food service at Lebanon Valley College. With the majority being female, each class had a representation of around 150 people in the survey. A little over 90 percent of the students who participated in the survey were residents. The rest were commuters, 78 percent of which claimed to have no meal plan.

This comes about as the college prepares to select its next food service company. The current 10-year contract with food service provider Hallmark will soon expire.

Many students, when asked, have said that they want more variety and more comfort foods. They also have commented on how wonderful the staff is. Both sentiments were reflected in the survey.

Chase Ferrario, '12, said that several of the results surprised him as president of S.A.F.E., an environmental club on campus. He said that the number of people not concerned with whether or not the coffee was Fair Trade is upsetting. He wondered if people did not understand what it means to be Fair Trade.

Here are some of the other highlights of the survey responses:

- Over 80 percent of students have a meal plan of 15 or 20 meals, yet the average meals-per-week is only 14.
- 67 percent said their plan fit their needs, 28.9 percent wished they had fewer meals per week.
- Over half said they don't spend any money during a typical week at LVC dining locations.
- On average there are 5,523 meals in Mund East or West Dining Hall, 363 visits to Cup of Joe, and

1,194 meals in the UG per week (This is for 541 students).

- The students who do not use the dining facilities are most likely to eat at home or in their rooms.

• Students said they would eat more on campus if there were more food options and better quality food options. (These choices had around 60 percent of votes).

- Around 40 percent said they would use the food service if there were more locations on campus, longer hours of operation and lower prices.

• The most desirable meal plan option was to have a "Take out" option

- One-third of students don't eat breakfast. Those who do prefer eggs, breakfast meat, bread, and cereal.

• The top two food options students want to see increased are home-style comfort foods and old fashioned diner.

- The top ethnic foods requested are Mexican and Texas/South-

western, Asian, and Italian/Mediterranean.

- When asked if National brands, Fair Trade coffee, and a company's social responsibility were important, more than 40 percent said no to all of them.

Evaluation of Dining Service:

- Average: hours of operation, availability of healthy food, prices, menu variety, quality of food offered, variety, availability of grab-go foods, taste/seasoning of food.

• Above Average: Friendly services, speed of services.

Overall the rating for LVC's current dining services was average to slightly above average.

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## CATCH THIS CLUB

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S.A.F.E., a club that was very prominent on the LVC campus a decade ago, is finally returning in 2009 with a green impact! S.A.F.E. stands for Student Action For the Earth, and their goal is to raise awareness of environmental issues on campus. This past week (September 30th-October 2nd) a Recycle Bowl Competition was sponsored by the Coke and run by S.A.F.E. The competing teams were LVC, Gettysburg, and HAAC. S.A.F.E. placed recycling bins around campus and everyday members emptied bins and separated the mass amount of cans and bottles. LVC collected a total of 5,500 recyclable items. The results of this competition were HAAC in 1st, LVC in 2nd, and Gettysburg in 3rd. Considering how small LVC's student body is compared to the other teams, a second place finish was very impressive.

Last year on Earth Day, S.A.F.E. members "got down and dirty" as they went through dumpsters in search of recyclable items. In just one night at LVC, hundreds of recyclable objects were found. This year S.A.F.E. plans to have an awareness program during the week of Earth and Arbor Day, spreading the word about different types of recyclable items.

S.A.F.E. will donate recyclable items to a company called Terracycle. This non-profit agency collects recyclable objects from other non-profit agencies and for every item they receive, two cents is donated to a charity. Also LVC hopes to collect items that cannot be recycled but can be reused, to cut down on wasted materials. Such items include chip bags, Oreo containers, and Capri Sun pouches. An example of their efforts are to take Capri Sun pouches and sew them together into fashionable hand bags. All one needs is some creativity and anything is possible! Contact President Chase Ferrario for more information at caf001.

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## H.A.L.T.

Hunger Awareness Leaders of Tomorrow

October 16th is World Food Day.

Starting **Tuesday October 13, 2009** H.A.L.T. will begin spreading awareness with a speaker by Action Against Hunger in **Chapel 101 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

What is H.A.L.T. all about?

1. To raise awareness about issues of poverty, world hunger and Action Against Hunger's (AAH) efforts to combat said issues to students, faculty and staff at LVC.
2. Fundraise - all money goes to AAH
3. Commitment to Principled Humanitarian Action

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Martin Atkins will be speaking on Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Music Center



## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## “Zombieland” a joyride through chaos

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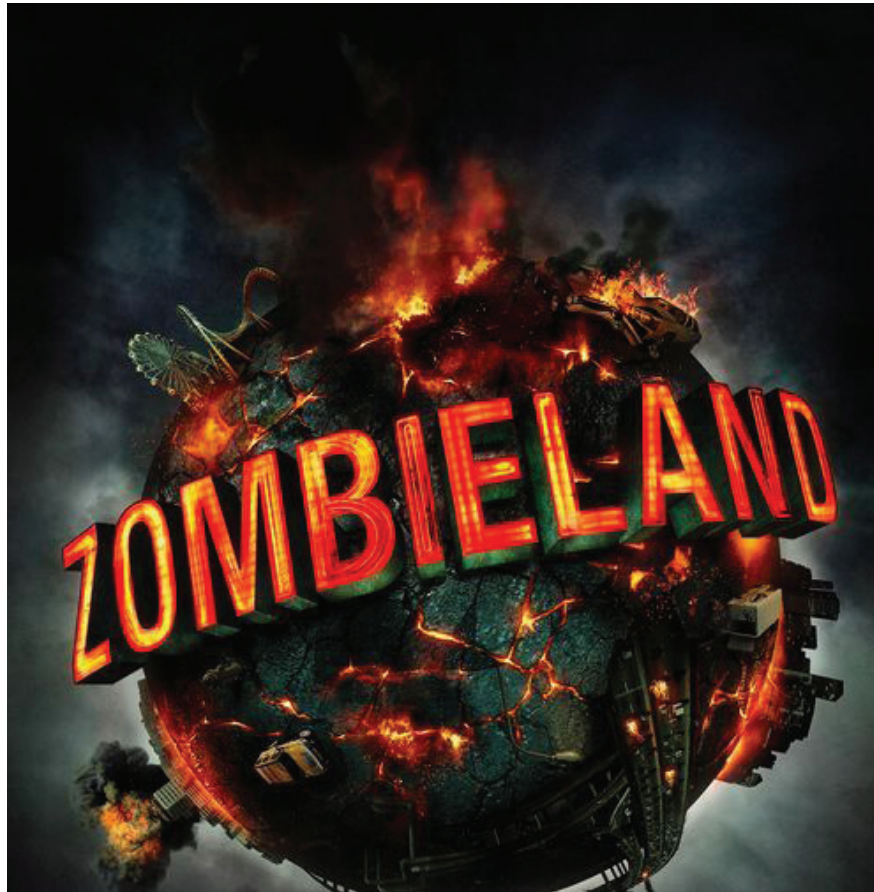
Do you consider yourself a zombie enthusiast? Given the choice between a shotgun and a katana in the event of undead walking the earth, would you be confident in knowing which is the best weapon? If you answered yes to these questions, then *Zombieland* is the movie for you.

*Zombieland* is a delightful romp through post-zombie-apocalyptic America. The first five minutes, unabashedly filled with blood, guts, and badasses, sets high hopes for the rest of the flick.

Narrator and unlikely survivor Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg) is a seemingly wimpish young man with irritable bowel syndrome and an impressive list of phobias. Via geeky narration, Columbus explains how he has survived the cannibalistic chaos by adhering to a strict set of rules, such as “Beware of bathrooms,” “Don’t be a hero,” and “Always wear a seat belt.”

The nerdy college student eventually bands together with other survivors on a road trip to Pacific Playland, a Disneyland-esque theme park, making a stop at Beverly Hills on the way.

*Zombieland* gets the “horror-



Courtesy Google Images

**KILLER COMEDY** “Zombieland” succeeds in bringing both a bloody joyride through zombie chaos and a hilarious adventure to the big screen

comedy” formula just right, and pays true homage to zombie culture. It is a delicious mix of 28 *Days Later* gore and the post-apocalyptic comedy of *Shaun of the Dead*. While the slapstick zombie kills are hilarious, the characters,

played by an all star cast, are what make *Zombieland* great.

Eisenberg delivers an awkwardly lovable Columbus - think Michael Cera without the annoying - who quivers under any pressure, but can still pop

the head off an errant brain-eater. Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin play Witchita and Little Rock, two enterprising young ladies who do whatever, or scam whomever, it takes to survive. There’s even a surprise cameo made by one of the coolest dudes in Hollywood.

The real show stealer is Tallahassee, played by a tough as nails, testosterone drenched Woody Harrelson. Tallahassee is a zombie killing expert, with a mission to track down the last Twinkies on Earth. His improvised zombie eradication techniques are brutal, and loads of fun to watch. From an academic standpoint, Tallahassee has a few things to add on the subject of opening a can of whoop-ass on things that won’t stay dead.

Writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick crafted a solid anti-romantic comedy that makes for a movie that is tense, touching,

and scintillatingly hysterical. In between what are arguably some of the best kill scenes in the genre, are woven strands of that first gawky romance, practical examples of how to survive a zombie attack (told through Columbus’s rules in superimposed “I told you so” moments), and how fickle human nature can be in absurd situations.

Because of Bloodthirsty cinematography and a skillfully constructed story, *Zombieland* has reserved a place on my DVD shelf. My only complaint is that I wanted more. More time devoted to developing the scheming sisters, Witchita and Little Rock. More zombies getting straight up owned by a crazed and deadly Woody Harrelson. More genre-savvy scenes where all zombie enthusiasts will nod their heads approvingly, as opposed to yelling “don’t go into the mall, you idiots!”

Truth be told, the vision of an obese monster getting creamed by a banjo will keep me warm at night. *Zombieland* is old fashioned zombie-killing fun done right.

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## “New” album offers new sound

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On Sept. 22, 2009, Brand New released *Daisy*, a shockingly different follow-up to *The Devil and God Are Raging inside Me* (2006). After the first time listening to the album, most fans may be left bewildered and unable to give an exact opinion.

Some songs have the same familiar sound that Brand New fans would recognize, while others may leave fans sitting with a confused look on their faces, possibly questioning if they are even listening to Brand New. A few of the newer sounds range from multiple new vocal



Courtesy Google Images

**NEW SOUND** Brand New continues to transform musically with their new album and offers up a new sound to go with it

processed sounds to “Bought a Brides” twang-like clean guitar intro and distorted bass. “In

“Be Gone” starts off with such a hardcore twang-sounding guitar, that one may confuse the sound for that of a sitar.

The lyrics of “While The Devil” and “God” speak of an inner search for meaning and redemption, while those of “Daisy” give off a more depressing and hopeless vibe. For example, one of the opening lines of “You Stole” is, “And now the flames are burning me in my bed but I just don’t care,” and a later verse states, “And I wish that my condition was new but I’m old and rusted.” Likewise, the second verse of “At the Bottom” begins with, “And there’s a lake. And at the bottom you’ll find all our friends. They

don’t swim cause they’re all dead.”

According to comments on iTunes, it seems that a few fans are disappointed with this album. However, it is important to remember that Brand New got famous for their music, so they must be doing something right. This album might be different, but Brand New’s style may be changing. If we are true fans, we will respect the change they have made and view the transitions as growth.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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They tell it like it is. It's up to  
you to...TAKE IT or LEAVE IT

**Q:** My roommate and I are polar opposites. I go to bed early; she goes to bed late. I make sure everything is neat; she doesn't pick up after herself. She and I get along, but our habits are so different! How can we fix this?

**Melissa:**

First and foremost, talk to her. She may not be aware that you are having issues with her habits, and therefore, she may not feel the need to change them. By just telling her some of the problems you are having, she may feel compelled to change her ways. Or, it may become easier to reach a compromise. Sometimes just vocalizing an issue can help to solve the problem.

Try creating a chart or an agreement of some sort. You each agree on responsibilities to take care of in the room. Perhaps once a week you can agree to switch turns taking out the trash. Understand that not everyone has the same ideas on cleanliness. Try to accept your differences and take care of your personal belongings. If a messy room bothers you, try to study elsewhere or spend more time out of the room.

Lastly, it might be beneficial to go to your RA to help you reach a

compromise if, after talking to her, you are still having issues. The three of you can sit down, talk through your differences, and find a workable solution. Sometimes, a third person can mediate a conversation by keeping it low-key, and helping to find a common ground.

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**Kristin:**

Being a "night owl" myself, I can sympathize. Here are a few suggestions for what to do if one of you still has work to finish while the other wants to go to bed. The library is a good, quiet place to get work done. There are individual study alcoves, group study rooms, and super comfy chairs to get your work done in. Also, don't forget

the Writing Center. Computer labs in Mund and Lynch are another alternative for finishing work on a computer—especially when a paper is due the next day. I would not advise waiting until the last minute, but it does happen! In addition, every dorm has a lounge where you can work that is complete with couches, chairs, and tables. If you have other friends that tend to stay up late, you could also do work in their room with them. Talking to your roommate about this issue is the best way to devise a schedule that accommodates both of your sleeping habits. If you still continue to have problems, there is always the option of talking to your RA.

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# SPORTS

## Soccer's Superman

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Remember Superman? You know the man with the cape that saves the world? The one the world has depended on. Well the legend of him has yet to die. In fact, you can see it on the soccer field. A goalkeeper, also known as the "goalie," is just the same. While they might not know they are being depended on, they really are. They are expected to be able to oversee the entire field and then communicate with the rest of the team. It has been said to be one of the most important positions in soccer.

The LVC's women's soccer team has been lucky enough to have two great goalies, which enjoy their position. Classmates Sami Young '12 and Alyson Reitmeyer '12, each enjoy their positions. Young, a former forward on the LVC field hockey player and a newcomer to the 2009 soccer team, enjoys playing the sport very

much. When asked about her position, Young says, "I like it because I can see the whole field and I'm able to help others move."

Reitmeyer says she has been playing since the age of 4 and knows the position is different. "It takes a different training than everyone else," she says.

In her freshman season, Reitmeyer totaled 50 saves and a save percentage of .769, finishing with six shutouts. Together, Reitmeyer and Stacey Ganley's '11 saves ranked them as number three in the Commonwealth Conference for saves, following Arcadia (127) and Albright (106).

This season the team has 40 saves, with Sami Young stopping 33 shots and Reitmeyer the other seven. The team is ranked fourth in the conference for saves with a save percentage of .769 and an average of 4.44 saves.

Both Young and Reitmeyer have

been goalies since the age of 10 and seem to be thrilled about playing the position in college. Young has contributed a total of eight saves in the last two games to help contribute to the team's last two victories.

LVC is fortunate to have the same quality in its men soccer goalie. Keeper Andrew Raudensky not only brings knowledge on the field since he has played since he was 4, but also the integrity that every athlete should carry. When asked about his position, Raudensky says, "Being able to make a fantastic athletic save when your team needs you is really a cool feeling."

Raudensky knows there can be some drawbacks to being the last obstacle for the opposing team. "I suppose that somewhat ironically the worst part about my position then is that mistakes by goalkeepers as well are magnified," he says. "When a forward or midfielder

makes a mistake, they can rely on the 10 players behind them to pick them up. However, when a GK makes a mistake, it shows up on the scoreboard for the other team. So, it can certainly make things stressful at times."

Raudensky, who sat out the 2008 season due to injury, is consistently fulfilling his role as a goalie this season. So far this season he has already recorded 48 saves with a save percentage of .764 and three shutouts. He reached a career high with 13 saves on Sept. 13 against Wilkes.

Still, of all that a team needs out of a goalie, perhaps taking charge is the most important. "Goalkeeping in soccer is more about than about being just a good athlete and saving the ball," he says. "It is also about being a leader on the field."

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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### JON GINGRICH

##### MEN'S TENNIS

A double winner in the men's first match of the season, Gingrich led the tennis team to its 6-3 victory against Susquehanna. In doubles he won 9-7 and in singles 6-0, 6-4



#### CAITLIN VASEY

##### FIELD HOCKEY

Caitlin Vasey started for the first time this season and scored six goals and had two assists in three LVC wins.



#### BECCA FARSON '12

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**MEN'S XC-** The men's cross country team finished 18th out of 29 teams that participated last Friday in the 36th Annual Brooks Paul Short Run at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. Bradley Sweigart placed 24th out of 245 competitors with a personal best of 26:45, 28. Matt Nesmith ran a 27:33 for 65th place. With a time of 28:19, Nick Daneglo placed 97th. Alex Talarico placed 127th with his time of 28:54 and Adam Abruzzo placed 154th with a time of 30:26. Teammates who also completed the race included Patrick Tierney, who ran a 30:26 for 186th place, Willie Rodriguez (32:17, 186th place), Corey Johnson (34:54, 234th place) and Mike Vo (35:02, 235th place).

Sweigart, a team captain said, "Our team gets along great. We have a great time together and use each other to get better all the time. Without teammates cross country would be even harder than it already is."

**Women's XC-**Jenn Cronin captured second place last Friday at the Brooks Paul Short Run at Lehigh. Cronin lost first place by a mere second to Delaware Valley College's Caitlin Dorgan. Cronin's time

of 22:12 was still her career best at the 6,000 meters, improving on the 22:40 she ran last year at the same event. Cronin said, "Our focus for this past weekend was to experience the course because this is also where our regional meet will be held in November and to get out first 6k under our belts," she said.

Megan Long ran a time of 23:31 to capture 20th place. Other Lebanon Valley competitors included Lauren Johnson (26:09, 131st), Tiff Fredrick (27:00, 161st), Victoria Broderick (27:33, 167th), Emily Devivo (27:38, 170th) and Katie Sharkey (28:54, 186th). The team overall finished with 481 points, taking 21st out of 32 teams. **GOLF-** LVC's golf team placed 12th out of 16 teams on Thursday at Messiah College's Falcon Classic. As a team, the Dutchmen shot a 353 for the tournament. Daniel Dempsey shot a 10-over 82 to finish in a tie for 21st place. Both Joseph Jablonski and Matt Staub shot a 90 for LVC while Matthew Terren shot a 91 and Alexander Simms shot a 92.

Sophomore, Jablonski said, "The strategy for the fall is to get as many guys as possible out to the matches to get everyone experience. Our big season with the conference championship is in the spring, so it's beneficial to get guys out in the fall."

**Men's Soccer-** The men's soccer

team mounted a comeback at Misericordia on Wednesday night, but the Cougars managed to hold on for a 4-3 victory. Justin Hutchinson opened the game with a goal assisted by Kelly Hess at the 8-minute mark to LVC ahead 1-0. Misericordia, however, claimed four straight goals in a 38-minute span.

Hess started the rally with a goal in the 68th minute. Chris Hall closed the gap in the 87th minute with his fourth goal in three games. Overall, LVC had more corners, 6-1, and more shots, 20-12, but could just not push that fourth goal in to tie the game. The team is now 5-2-2.

**Women's Soccer-** The team held their own against Arcadia University in the first half of the game last Saturday. The Dutchmen (5-5-1) went toe to toe against the undefeated Knights, but surrendered a pair of second-half goals and lost, 2--0.

LVC outshot Arcadia 11-9, with Nicole Snyder, Ely Kirkhoff, Stevi Laird, and Emily Bainbridge all recording shots on goal. But Arcadia goalie Jacki Law blocked them all.

Arcadia broke the scoreless tie at the 59th minute. LVC failed to clear on three-straight corners from Arcadia, allowing multiple chances for the Knights. On the third corner, Katie O'Malley's entry pass found the head of Stephanie Edson, who re-directed the

cross past Sami Young.

Just under 10 minutes later, O'Malley got around a pair of Dutchmen defenders to send a cross from left deep left side towards the box. A sliding LVC defender deflected the cross into her own net for Arcadia's second goal.

**Volleyball-** Volleyball defeated Albright College 3-0 (25-15, 25-6, 25-19) last Wednesday to become 2-1 in Commonwealth Conference play. Joelle Snyder had 12 kills, Michelle Little added 9 kills, Emily Hopkins had seven kills and both Nicole Barra and Jamie Hawk had five apiece. Emily Perkins had 37 assists. Hannah Free scored three aces for the night. On the defense, Angela Kuperavage had 14 digs for the Dutchmen. Snyder had the lone solo block.

Jess Raber, who had four digs that game, said, "Our team has confidence in each other that everyone will do their part to get the job done."

Now 15-1, they will hit the road this coming weekend for the Frostburg (Md.) Quad.

**Men's Tennis-** On Sunday the men started their short fall season by playing alongside the women's team at Susquehanna University. The Conference Champions started off with a 6-3 win. After falling behind 2-1 in doubles, the team won 5 of the 6 singles matches to earn the victory. Matt Grodzinski easily won 6-2, 6-4 at number

1 singles, and Tom Neckelmann won at number 2, 6-4, 6-1. Ethan Grodzinski lost a close three set match 6-4, in the third set, and Jon Gingrich won in straight sets at number four. Andrew Deckert started off his collegiate career with a 7-6, 6-4 win. Sweigart needed a third set tiebreak to finish off his match 10-6 at number 6. The only doubles winner was at number 2 where Gingrich and Sweigart won 9-7.

**Women's Tennis-** On Sunday, the women's tennis team remained the only undefeated LVC sport when they beat Kings 7-2. Now 9-0, the team has beaten 4 undefeated teams in a row. LVC's number 1 doubles team of Shayna Heintzelman and Sarah Grodzinski disposed of Susquehanna 8-2, but the number 2 and 3 doubles teams had to fight. LVC's Tamera Lobb and Lauren Fulmer squeaked out a 9-8 victory at number 2, however, Morgan Brady and Caitlin Bedford weren't that fortunate, losing 9-7 at number 3. In singles, Grodzinski won 6-0, 6-1 at number 1, and Lobb won 6-0, 6-3 at number 3. Heintzelman needed three sets to win at number 2 and Fulmer downed her girl in a close 6-4, 6-3 contest. Brady came back to win 11-9 in a third set tiebreak, and Jessica Ferlenda fell in two sets.

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## THE WEEKEND ROUND UP



## LVC's Goalies



# SPORTS

## 500th career victory for Field Hockey

**LAUREN SEIDENSTRICKER '11**  
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Lebanon Valley College reached a milestone last Tuesday, beating conference opponent Albright 6-1 and obtaining the program's 500th career win.

The Dutchmen (9-1, 2-0 CC in games through Oct. 4) are currently ranked seventh in the nation and are now 502-310-67 overall since field hockey became part of Lebanon Valley athletics in 1933.

"I think the fact that we are one of the few teams that has been around long enough to have a shot at achieving a milestone such as this exemplifies the history of Lebanon Valley College," said head coach Laurel Martin. "It also reflects the time, effort, passion and love that previous coaches have put into to this program. It's neat that I can actually be a part of this with these girls right now."

Freshman Caitlin Vasey had a standout performance at Shirk Stadium against the Lions. The freshman secured her first career hat trick in the game as well as putting up an assist.

"It is a really neat experience because coming into the LVC program as a freshman and playing was not

what I was expecting," she said. "The fact that I played and scored three goals was so cool."

Albright played hard in the first half, repelling 14 of LVC's 22 shots on cage. LVC senior Avery Carter broke the ice by scoring on a penalty stroke at 7:20 in the first half. Vasey's goal came 10 minutes later off a pass from Jocelyn Novak to make it 2-0, but Albright came right back and scored to go in at halftime down only 2-1.

But LVC pulled away in the second half, scoring four goals on eight shots. Juniors Shelly Lobach and Allison Bicher sandwiched their goals around two more by Vasey, those scored 1:38 apart. Lobach now has a career point total of 95.

Lobach said that it felt "pretty incredible to be a part of such a big accomplishment. Not only is it a big accomplishment but it's so unique. We're one of a select few teams to have the opportunity to reach a milestone like this; that's saying something."



Courtesy Sports Information

The Dutchmen also put up two more W's last week. They recorded a 9-2 nonconference victory over FDU-Florham on Thursday, as Novak, Lobach and Kirsten Martzall scored two goals apiece, then beat Stevenson University 7-0 in another nonconference game on Saturday. They finished with 54 shots and were led by Danielle Blase and No-

vak, who both scored twice. Caitlin Baro stopped one shots in 54 minutes, and Christine Poletti entered in relief and stopped four shots.

The Dutchmen, who were scheduled to play Franklin & Marshall College on Oct. 5, return home on Oct. 7 for a 4 p.m. game against Haverford College.

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## Wake up call

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Lebanon Valley football team's perfect start hit an abrupt halt as they fell Saturday to Delaware Valley 28-7 in their MAC opener.

In their three previous games the Dutchmen had averaged 491 yards of total offense and 286 yards passing. But Delaware Valley held them to just 249 yards of offense, including only 38 through the air on four completions.

Runningback Charlie Parker did become the second Dutchmen player to reach 3,000 yards rushing in his career as he put up 116 yards on the ground on 24 carries. Ben Guiles added to the attack with 74 yards on 10 touches.

However, this high powered offense just could not get it going although plenty of opportunities presented themselves throughout the game. The offense committed three turnovers, with two interceptions, and a red-zone fumble in the second quarter.

DVC's Mike Isgro went 13-for-20 for 172 yards and rushed for 42 more. Also, instead of throwing a touchdown as he's accustomed to, he ended up receiving one from speedy receiver Isaiah Hall on a double screen pass. This trick play, which ended with Isgro going in from 15 yards, put the Aggies up 21-0.

A good kick return from Jeff Ochoa for 44 yards set up a 6-yard scramble for Colt Zarilla that cut the deficit to 21-7.

Their next drive resulted in an interception that would lead to Matt's Cook's second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter.

After the game LVC's head coach Jim Monos said, "We didn't play good enough to win the football game in all phases." He told the team it was a team effort in this loss. Monos also told that team that he did not feel the defense played at a level that it needed to in the first half, and that the three turnovers hurt the Dutchmen as well as not having any takeaways on defense. "We're going to find out what we're made of this upcoming week," he said.

The Dutchmen (3-1, 0-1 in the MAC) will travel to Wilkes this Saturday for their second conference game as they look to bounce back from this loss.

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## Run a mile (or two, or three, or four) in her shoes

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When it comes to track and field, Jenn Cronin is anything but a run-of-the-mill athlete. In her first two track and field seasons at LVC, Cronin, a junior, has set school records in the 1500m run, 3000m steeplechase, 5000m run, and the 4X800m relay along with Megan Long, Lauren Johnson, and Amy Willow.

Cronin has also excelled in cross country. So far this season Cronin has won the women's race at the LVC Invitational and placed third among the women at the Dickinson College Long-Short Invitational.

What keeps Cronin motivated after already acquiring so many school records? According to Cronin she has a great support base between her coaches, teammates, and

parents. She also said that she still has a goal that she has not achieved, which is to get to nationals.

However, Cronin's track and field goals of qualifying for Penn Relays will have to wait until her senior year. Cronin will miss this year's track and field season in the spring while studying abroad in Spain.

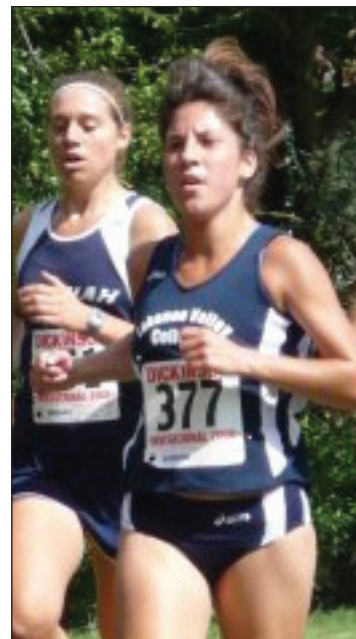
Cronin said that before a race she tries to stay as relaxed as possible. She feels that this allows her to be calm and in turn "be a calming force to her teammates." For each race she said she sets a goal and tries to achieve it. "If it happens it's great, but if not I can't worry about it," she said about her goals for each race.

Brianna Eroh, a sophomore, is a teammate of Cronin's. Eroh said that before each race Cronin leads the team cheer as well as a sun

salutation, which Eroh describes as being a mix of stretching and meditation. Eroh said, "She reminds us that we are here to have fun and to go out and try to do our best."

Cronin is the team captain. She said that she tries to lead by example, and goes on morning runs, plyometrics in the gym, and weight lifting. She said she encourages her teammates to come with her. Eroh said, "She always sets good examples for us whether it be on the course, on the track, or in the classroom."

Eroh said Cronin always waits for the rest of the team at the finish line of every race cheering on her teammates and pushing them to finish strong. "She is an amazing runner and so much fun to watch," Eroh said. "This is the only time I will ever admit to enjoying track and field because it's



the only time I get to watch Jenn run competitively."

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